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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SIMPLIFIED AREA
CODE DIALING

5 ABSTRACT: A telephone (100) is configurable to
automatically dial an area code selected from an area code
selection pad (104). Once selected, the selected area code
is automatically prepended to subsequent outgoing calls
until a different area code is selected. A processor (212)
10 implements a safety feature overrides the automated system
when emergency numbers are called. With this system,
repetitive dialing of the area code for consecutive calls
to the same area code is eliminated.

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